News release

Autumn 'rains' down

20 October 2004

Met Office forecasters are warning of several days of particularly wet and windy weather for many parts of the country as depressions sweep in from the Atlantic.

Areas most likely to see the heaviest rain are the west of England, Wales and south-west Scotland. Around 50 mm of rain is likely for many areas with 100 mm falling on high ground during the next few days. Strong winds will add to the problems at times, gusts of around 70 m.p.h. are expected to batter exposed areas.

Working closely with the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the Met Office is saying that localised flooding will be a problem for some areas. Rain and high winds are likely to affect travel plans through the coming days and the public are advised to check the latest travel and weather information before their journey.

October is often the stormiest month of the year and the forecast is living up to that reputation. Winter is still some way off however. Contrary to speculation from other sources, autumn is still well in charge - plumes of warm air occasionally bathing much of the country over the coming days.

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